

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-8 have been examined, claims 1-8 are rejected under U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and claims 1, 4 and 5 are objected to. In the above amendments, claims 1 and 4-8 have been amended, and new claims 9-16 have been added. Therefore, after entry of the above amendments, claims 1-16 will be pending in this application. Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance, which prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

The Drawings

FIGS. 2 and 3 in drawing sheet 2 have been revised as suggested in the Office Action. In FIG. 2, text labels have been added to the line from element 202 to element 204 and also to the line from element 202 to element 206. In FIG. 3, text labels have been added to the line from element 306 to element 308 and also to the line from element 306 to element 310.

The Specification

Paragraph [0004] has been revised to indicate the current status of application Serial No. 08/963,386.

Double Patenting

Claims 6-7 stand rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 8 of co-pending Application Serial No. 11/182,086. Claim 8 stands rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 9 of co-pending Application Serial No. 11/182,086. A terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith to overcome the non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 6-8.

Accordingly, the rejection of claims 6-8 should be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

Claim 8, line 5 is objected to because the word “store” should be changed to “stored”. This change has been made in the claim amendments above.

Rejection of Claims 1-8 Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite because of various informalities noted in the Office Action. Claims 1, 4-6 and 8 have been amended as suggested in the Office Action. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful reading of the claims.

Allowed Claims

Claims 1, 4 and 5 are indicated as being allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 1, 4 and 5 have been amended to overcome the informalities noted in the Office Action. Applicant submits that claims 1-5 are now allowable.

New Claims

New claims 9-16 recite additional features of the present application. Claims 9 and 10 are dependent on claim 1, claims 11 and 12 are dependent on claim 4, claims 13 and 14 are dependent on claim 5, claim 15 is dependent on claim 6, and claim 16 is dependent on claim 8. New claims 9-16 should also be allowable.

CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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